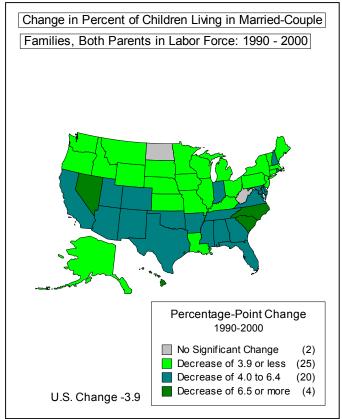
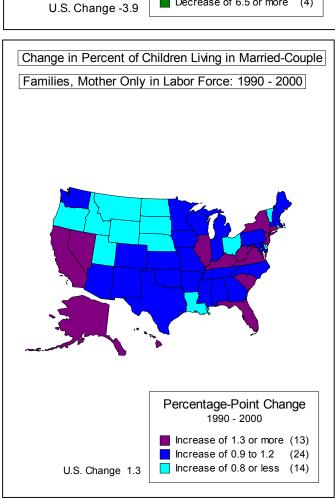
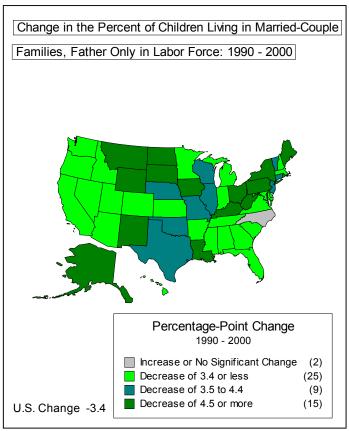
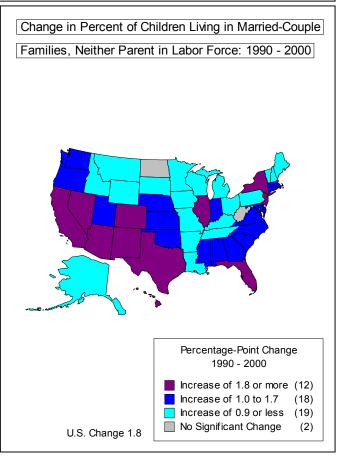
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- In 2000, a greater percentage of children in the United States were living in a married-couple family with both parents in the labor force than in any other family/labor force combination. Over the decade, the percentage of children in this category fell by 3.9 percentage points. If a parent was employed or actively looking for work they were considered to be in the labor force.
- The second most common arrangement was that of a child living in a married-couple family where only the father was in the labor force. The percentage of children in this group fell by 3.4 percentage points over the decade.
- Over the decade, the nation saw percentage-point increases in children living in married-couple families, both where neither parent was in the labor force and where only the mother was in the labor force.
- Compared with the other regions, the West had the largest decrease in children living with married parents where both were in the labor force and the largest increase in children living with married parents and neither were in the labor force.
- Among states, some of the biggest changes occurred in the percentage of children living with married parents where both were in the labor force. Large decreases were seen in Hawaii, Nevada, North Carolina, and South Carolina.